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Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security

1527 Department of Defense, Washington 25, D. C.

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Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security has been giving consideration to recommending the establishment of a central government facility for testing and evaluating security equipment. A report on the subject was prepared by the ICIS Subcommittee on the Protection of Classified Government Data. A copy of this report, dated February 17, 1956, is enclosed for your information. The report was considered by the ICIS at a recent meeting, and, in view of indications given at that time that pertinent views on the problem were being developed in other agencies, it was agreed to postpone final action on the report until the nature of those views should be known. Pending the availability of such views, however, it was agreed that action such as that envisaged in Recommendation "E" of the report, i.e., a survey of the character and volume of work likely to ensue from the program, should be undertaken without further delay by an ad hoc group consisting of representatives of the Departments of State and Defense, the Atomic Energy Commission, and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Accordingly, it is requested that you designate a representative to participate as a member of the ad hoc group in a survey of the anticipated character and volume of work likely to ensue from the institution of the program envisaged in the enclosed report, or any similar program. In this connection it is noted that Mr. [REDACTED] of your agency participated on an ad hoc basis at an ICIS meeting on November 2, 1955 in consideration of an earlier version of the report, dated September 30, 1955. At that time he indicated general concurrence by the CIA in the recommendations of the report as then drafted. I would appreciate your notifying me as soon as possible of the name of your representative so that a meeting of the ad hoc group can be convened in the near future.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Walter Yeagley
Chairman, Interdepartmental Committee
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